



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 818**

LCO No. 4517

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS )

**AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING IN  
HOMELAND SECURITY DRILLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) For the purposes of  
2       this section, "volunteer organization" means an organization that  
3       provides first responder, rescue or emergency medical transportation  
4       services, or a volunteer fire company that provides emergency medical  
5       or rescue services, as part of its duties and that relies exclusively or  
6       primarily upon volunteers to provide such services.

7       (b) Each volunteer organization that conducts a homeland security  
8       drill at the request of the Department of Emergency Management and  
9       Homeland Security that exceeds twenty-four consecutive hours in  
10      length shall compensate any volunteer with such organization who is  
11      otherwise employed and participates in such drill at the same rate as  
12      such volunteer is compensated in his or her employment in the public  
13      or private sector.

14      (c) In the event any such volunteer is injured, disabled or dies in the  
15      course of any such drill, such volunteer shall be compensated in

16 accordance with the provisions of chapter 568 of the general statutes to  
17 the same extent that he or she would have been compensated for such  
18 injury, disability or death occurring in the course of his or her  
19 employment in the public or private sector.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide compensation and workers' compensation benefits for volunteers who participate in certain homeland security drills.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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